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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH F. GREGORY OF VIENNA, VA., DESIGNER OF THE WINNING ENTRY IN THE PATCO LOGO CONTEST. THE DATE 1984 ON THE LOGO REPRESENTS THE YEAR THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED. THE SYMBOLIC DEVICE BELOW 'PATCO' REPRESENTS THE THREE RIVERS JOINING AT THE 'POINT' IN PITTSBURGH (THE CITY IN WHICH PATCO WAS FOUNDED). ALSO, MANY THANKS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO SUBMITTED ENTRIES. MUCH DISCUSSION AND 'DEBATE' OCCURRED BEFORE MR. GREGORY'S DESIGN WAS CHOSEN.

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DAHLBERG HOSPITAL RADIO TOKEN UPDATE

BY RODGER HERSHEY

The following is a list of additions to the Dahlberg Hospital Radio Token listings by Gary Pipher in the July - August issue of the PATCO Journal. This brings the total to 84 radio tokens listed. If you have any Dahlberg radio tokens not in this addenda or in the original article, please forward a description or rubbing to the editor.

FLORIDA

Miami	Mercy Hospital
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INDIANA

Evansville	St. Marys Hospital
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KANSAS

Arkansas City	Arkansas City Memorial
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KENTUCKY

Lexington	St. Joseph Hospital
Louisville	St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital

MARYLAND

Annapolis	Ann Arundel General Hospital
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MICHIGAN

Ishpeming	Ishpeming Negaunee Hospital
Lansing	Edward W. Sparrow Hospital

MINNESOTA

New Prague	Community Memorial Hospital
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MISSOURI

Hannibal	St. Elizabeth Hospital
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NEBRASKA

Omaha	St. Joseph Hospital
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OHIO

Brea	Community Hospital
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PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg	Harrisburg Hospital
Harristburg	Harrisburg Polyclinic

UTAH

American Fork	American Fork Community Hospital
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VIRGINIA

Harrisonburg	Rockingham Memorial Hospital
Richmond	Richmond Eye Hospital

WEST VIRGINIA

Berkely Springs	Morgan County War Memorial Hospital
Parkersburg	Camden Clark Memorial Hospital
Parkersburg	St. Joseph's Hospital
Wheeling	Ohio Valley General Hospital

WISCONSIN

Ashland	St. Josephs Hospital
Superior	St. Josephs Hospital

# THANKS

To those of you who were able to attend the swap March 9, 1985, Thank You for making it such a success. I don't know of anyone who left disappointed. And to the members who could not make it, I hope to see you at the next one. If you have any suggestions on the organization, planning, location etc. of the swaps let me know. We want to make this as accessible as possible for our members. Below are a few of the photos I promised you of the swap. Also a special thanks to member Jim Wiley for providing a great place to meet.



## Condensed History of Kennywood Park

BY DICK GAETANO

The original tract of ground was purchased by Charles K. Kenny in 1818 for five pounds, ten shillings, six pence, and a barrel of whiskey. Charles with his son, Thomas, became rich from mining coal from this land, sending it as far as New Orleans on flatboats they had built themselves. In the 1860's it became a popular picnic spot for the local residents. Picnickers reached "Kenny's Grove" by horse and buggy on the old Braddock Road or by steamer on the river which unloaded passengers at the old coal docks.

In 1898 the Monongahela Street Railway decided to build a trolley park at Kenny's Grove as a means to increase ridership. Trolley parks were the rage all over the country. By offering rides, games, band concerts, food and a picnic grove, the trolley companies got workers and their families to use the trolleys in the evenings and on weekends.

The name Kennywood was chosen by Andrew Mellon, who held an interest in the street railway company. He knew that Kenny had built up a lot of good will, letting people use the grove free of charge, and that the grove was well known in the Monongahela valley.

The park was laid out by George S. Davidson, chief engineer for the Monongahela Street Railway Company and Kennywood's first manager. His layout was practical and functional: the focal point of the park being a man-made lake dotted with small islands and rustic bridges. The original layout still remains today along with the carousel pavilion and a restaurant. The original dance hall burned in 1975.

In 1900 the railway company merged into the Pittsburgh Street Railway Company and Kennywood joined Calhoun and Southern Parks which were also owned by the PRC. In 1902 the PRC subleased the park to a Boston company and later to a group from Aspinwall. In 1906 the PRC leased the park to A. S. McSwigan and Frederick W. Henninger. Members of their families still run Kennywood today after 78 years. Together the gentlemen built two large roller coasters and other attractions to solicit the picnics from corporations, labor unions, organizations, communities and

nationalities. This has helped the park survive the major depression, wars, as well as movies and television.

Kennywood doubled in size in the 1920's. Three large coasters were built which ultimately gave the park the name "The Roller Coaster Capital" as well as a huge 150' x 300' swimming pool.

Kennywood survived the great depression with careful management decisions as well as keeping the dance hall filled with the great dance bands. Rudy Vallee, Benny Goodman, Vaughn Monroe and others played the park between 1930 and 1950.

The Second World War was good to Kennywood because people working the defense industries along the Monongahela had money to spend. Thousands of complimentary tickets were given to service men and women during the war.

The baby boom in the 1950's increased school picnics in leaps and bounds. The 1960's brought continued prosperity as Kennywood continued to build, including a \$100,000 turn-pike ride

In 1968 the Thunderbolt roller coaster was built, which even now is ranked among the best in the world.

The Kennywood Park Corporation had only leased the land on which the park was built, so in 1971 the park purchased the land from the Kenny heirs. For the 1980 season, the "Laster Loop" was constructed, which was the park's fifth coaster.

Plans for 1985 include the possible addition of a "White Water Rapids" ride which will replace the park's concert bandshell area.

### *Acknowledgments*

*Kennywood - Coaster Capital of the World*  
Charles J. Jacques Jr. (1982)

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## NEWS NOTES

- MORE THAN 450 LOTS COMPRISING PATCO MEMBER ROY H. VAN ORMER'S  
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# WESTINGHOUSE

IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATICS

BY GLEN MOONEY

MR. GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE ORIGINATED SIXTY COMPANIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED ON TOKENS, MEDALS, ADVERTISING PIECES, SOUVENIRS, BADGES, AWARDS, POCKET PIECES, ETC. IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company was organized in 1869, the Westinghouse Machine Company in 1880, Union Switch and Signal Company in 1881, the Allegheny County Light Company in 1882, the Philadelphia Company in 1883, and the Westinghouse Electric Company in 1886. This last company's name was changed in 1899, to the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and again in 1945, to the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Born in Central Bridge, New York, in 1846, George Westinghouse came to Pittsburgh in 1867. His home in 1871 was at the corner of Lang Avenue and the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was here, in his backyard in 1883, that he had a gas well drilled and discovered and applied the great potential of this inexpensive fuel which drew many industries to Pittsburgh, including iron and steel firms, and these helped develop the city into one of the great industrial centers of the world.

Even more influential in this development was Westinghouse's work with alternating current electricity and the equipment and products associated with it. In Allegheny county are located many of the factories and offices, laboratories, and the corporate headquarters of one of the world's largest electrical equipment companies and the world's foremost developer of atomic power.

Mr. Westinghouse died in 1914 but his name and accomplishments are recorded on hundreds of numismatic and related items, some of which are as follows:

## MEDALS awarded to Mr. Westinghouse:

- Franklin Institute's Scott medal for invention of the air brake - 1874
- Order of Leopold decoration from the King of Belgium - 1884
- Order of the Royal Crown of Italy from the King - 1889
- Legion of Honor from the President of France - 1895
- John Fritz medal - 1905
- Edison gold medal - 1912
- Grasshof medal from the German Society of Engineers - 1913



Celebrating 50 years. The reverse of this token depicts a Westinghouse refrigerator stating " The new standard of refrigerator value"



TOKENS AND COMMEMORATIVE pieces of Western Pennsylvania plants:

Anniversary medals and memorabilia  
Family Day pocket pieces, charms, badges, mementoes  
Picnic commemoratives and favors  
Building and expansion completion pieces  
Historic plaques  
Plant and office security badges and identification pieces  
Work shift discs, pins, badges  
Sports event commemoratives  
Dedication pieces  
Plant accomplishment items  
Department contest winner pieces  
Souvenirs  
Badges for plant tours, meetings, and conventions



The Westinghouse Credit Corporation  
of Pittsburgh used the Geisha Girl  
design in their 1967 advertising.

RECOGNITION pieces

Order of Merit medal  
Service award pieces (pins, charms, buttons etc.)  
Suggestion award medals  
Nautilus medal - 1954 - appreciation to subcontractors  
Lighters, pens, pencils, ash trays, jewelry (usually with trademark)  
Awards to the companies such as the Hall of Fame medal, National and  
regional society medals, plaques, etc.  
Centennial medal on occasion of commemorating Mr. Westinghouse's birth



The Bettis Medallion  
(See PATCO Journal,  
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Nov.-Dec. 1984)



PRODUCT AND ADVERTISING pieces (of Allegheny county plants)

Air brakes and other railroad equipment  
Radio and television broadcasting and equipment  
Research and development  
Signaling equipment  
Ceramics  
Phenol insulation  
Nuclear fuel and reactor pumps  
Atomic power plants for naval propulsion and generation of electricity  
Transportation systems  
Meters, motors, switchgear, generators, rectifiers, welders, condensers,  
circuit breakers, network protectors, fuses, printed circuits, electronics  
Astronuclear propulsion devices



In many cases the plants, offices and laboratories which issued the pieces are mentioned on the items. Some of them in Allegheny County are: Pittsburgh, Cheswick, West Mifflin, East Pittsburgh, Trafford, Wilmerding, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg, Monroeville, Braddock, Churchill, Greentree, Linhart, Forest Hills. Plants outside the county but in Western Pennsylvania are: Derry, Waltz Mills, Beaver, Meadville, Sharon, Blairsville, Large.

A significant collection of Westinghouse memorabilia exists in the cabinets of the Carnegie Museum and in the collections of G.A. Mooney and R. Buckley.

# Rollers & Piercers

BY RICH BOTTLES JR.

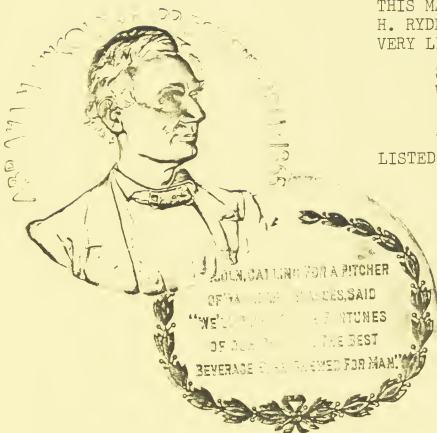
I have always thought it was interesting how some elongated coin rollers are oblivious to the fact that some people collect what they roll. On two occasions in the past I have talked to rollers who have looked at me strangely when I asked for one of their coins without a hole pierced through it.

The first time was in the summer of 1982. I was attending the annual Butler County Fair here in Pennsylvania. A young couple had a rolling machine set up inside the display barn and were selling elongated pennies as souvenirs of the fair. The design had a standing pig holding a sign which read "BIG BUTLER FAIR, PROSPECT PA, I WAS THERE." According to the couple, business was slow and they asked me if I wanted to buy their machine from them. I didn't ask them how much they wanted for it, but I did ask if they had any other designs. They had two others available. One had a flag waving with the words "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" around it and the other was a Pittsburgh souvenir with a modern-looking golden triangle skyline logo and small designs of Three Rivers Stadium, the Duquesne Incline, the Civic Arena, and a baseball and football around it, and the word "Pittsburgh" was written across it. The Pittsburgh coins all had holes already in them and since the die was not there, I had to make do with a holed example. The two rollers said that they were going to have a new die for the upcoming Saxonburg carnival (a town southeast of Prospect in Butler County.) When the time for this carnival came around, I also attended it. Sure enough, there were the two same rollers. The new design was also very nice (leading me to believe that they either had a lot of experience making the dies or the person whom they hired to make the dies was experienced.) The new design had a fireman's gear cluster logo in the center (ladder, helmet pick, axe, etc.) with the words "SAXONBURG, VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL" along the top and "SAXONBURG PA. / I WAS THERE" along the bottom. I don't know whether any of the above mentioned coins are especially rare, but I can bet that a few were sold with out holes. Most are probably dangling from keychains and bracelets.



My second encounter with a roller / piercer was in Hollywood, California in front of the famous Chinese Theater. A young man was trying to pick up some extra money from the 1984 Summer Olympics visitors. I tried to get some vital statistics from him, but he didn't seem to be keeping count. He said, that he was working for a man who also had a rolling machine in New York. He believed that these couple machines were the only ones in the country. I set him straight, don't worry. Anyhow in early August he was rolling a design which had the theatre pictured in the center with foot and hand prints to the sides. The words, "MANN'S CHINESE THEATRE" ran along the top and the word "HOLLYWOOD" was at the bottom. This was the only design being rolled at the time. It wasn't until November that a new design was introduced. The new design was more simplistic with the picture being that of three stars above two pairs of foot prints. The word "HOLLYWOOD" at the top and the words, "WALK OF THE STARS" at the bottom. A majority of these designs must also have been holed.

If any of you have any further information on these rollers, I'd like to hear about it. I'm especially interested in what happened to the Fair couple of 1982, since my collecting centers mostly around Southwestern Pennsylvania. Better yet, write an article about it for PATCO



THIS MAGNIFICANT 63mm MEDAL BY  
H. RYDEN WAS STRUCK IN 1909 WITH  
VERY LIMITED MINTAGES.

SILVER - 4 struck  
WHITE METAL - 3 struck  
BRASS GILT & BRASS - 25 struck  
ALUMINUM - 50 struck

LISTED IN KING: #784

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THE WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE & ITS TOKENS by Dick Gaetano  
CHARLES ZIMMERMAN by Jim Hartman

### EDITORS COMMENTS

I am in the process of writing a set of By-laws for PATCO. Any suggestions concerning content, direction, etc., would be greatly appreciated. Once done, a copy of the proposed By-laws will be mailed to each member for his or her study. Any other recommended changes, additions, or deletions can then be made. But, please do not wait until the last minute to make suggestions. It is the hope of the officers of PATCO that by March - April 1986 that a meeting can be held in conjunction with a swap meet in order to consider the By-laws. IS THERE A VOLUNTEER IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE WILLING TO ARRANGE A SWAP AND GENERAL MEETING? This would entail securing a room large enough for a meeting and swap meet. It must be located close enough toward the center of the state to make it accesable to the majority of our members. If you have any ideas or can arrange this meeting, please contact me, Jim Kunz, PATCO Editor, 3333 Fleming Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15212.

Once approved, the By-laws would set the foundation for a future election of PATCO officers by late 1986.

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# THE WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE & ITS TOKENS

BY DICK GAETANO

"At last has come the day long expected. The bridge which ties together with bands of steel the sister towns of Elizabeth and West Elizabeth stands an accomplished fact, realizing a fond dream of years and ready to be formally dedicated.

The completed structure stands today the handsomest specimen of bridge architecture on the Monongahela above Pittsburg. Though it has an airy and graceful effect in outline, it is really massive in its construction and of great strength. The splendid central span is not duplicated anywhere on the river."



The above words were published 92 years ago in the "Elizabeth Herald" of November 14, 1893 in a bridge extra edition commemorating the dedication of the first bridge between the two towns.

The first bridge is gone, replaced by a second bridge in 1953 (currently under renovation). But the tokens are not gone. The bridge tokens were used between November 14, 1893, when the bridge opened, and December 6, 1913, when the bridge was taken over by Allegheny County and made toll free.

There are 10 major types of West Elizabeth bridge tokens. 5 are brass, 4 are Aluminum and 1 is white metal.

The 5 brass are Octagon with blank reverse: (Atwood number precedes desc.)

- 965-A - ONE FOOT PASSENGER RETURN (29mm)
- B - ONE FOOT PASSENGER (29mm)
- C - FOOT PASSENGER (most common of tokens) (29mm)
- D - FOOT PASSENGER (holed) (29mm)
- E - FOOT PASSENGER (26mm, not 29mm)

The 4 Aluminum are :

- 965-F - FOOT PASSENGER  
rev: FIRST NATIONAL BANK PAYS 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT ELIZABETH, PA. (29mm)
- G - W. E. BRIDGE CO. FOOT PASSENGER ONE WAY  
rev: blank, (29mm)



PA  
965-C

- H - WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE CO. 2 WHEELED VEHICLE ONE HORSE 15¢  
rev: FIRST NATIONAL BANK PAYS 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT ELIZABETH,  
PA. (Scalloped, 35mm)
- I - WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE CO. 4 WHEELED VEHICLE TWO HORSE 35¢  
rev: FIRST NATIONAL BANK PAYS 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT ELIZABETH,  
PA. (Scalloped, 35mm)

The only White metal is:

- 965-J - WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE CO. ONE FOOT PASSENGER  
rev: (blank) (29mm)

A hoard of 965-C was found about 20 years ago, but these have pretty well dried up. Some of these were found with "TUGAID" and some with "S".

I have talked to several residence and their historical society with little if any results. The toll booth is still standing on the Elizabeth side (now being used as a lawnmower repair shop). The old bridge has many memories for those who remember it.

A few repairs were made from time to time and new floors were added with additional steel to carry the extra load. But, as the years rolled by, time, traffic and neglect were the major elements which determined its eventual end. In its destruction, it had to be cut twice before it rolled on its side and crashed into the river.

Lovers walked the bridge arm in arm, in fact during the summer evenings, before the event of the movies and the automobile, the bridge became a boulevard as a steady stream of couples walked the footwalk in the moon light.

This attraction added to the money in the till of the tolltaker, Mr. Taylor, who made life niserable for the youth of that day. Regardless fo how bad you wanted to cross over, he insisted on his fare, and no amount of talk or persuasion could change his mind. In payment for your nickel, you were given a brass check.

However, there were two ways of getting around this excess fare. Late at night, the boys of Elizabeth who had gone courting the fair sex of the West Side, would gather near the center span and make plans to get past Mr. Taylor without paying. One method was to walk past the window in single file, stating that the last man would pay, which he would do, but only his own fare. The other method was to run past in a scatter group, some on the footwalk and others on the roadway. Mr. Taylor or Mr. Winterburn, another tolltaker, rushing to stop them, sometimes catching one or two of the boys. But this didn't happen very often as most prided themselves on how fast we could run and dodge the tolltaker. Eddie Barnes, the Borough policeman of that day, would step out from the shadows, his shiny badge and night-stick stopping the mad rush. In these memories, the bridge lives on.

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## SWAP MEET

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# CHARLES ZIMMERMAN

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BY JIM HARTMAN

Charles Zimmerman was born in 1814 at Bieden Kopf, Hesse Darmstadt in what is now West Germany. In 1837 he married Christina Fronheiser. A few years later the Zimmermans and other relatives came to the United States. They landed in Baltimore, took a stage to Columbia, and traveled via canal boat to Johnstown, Pa.

At this time there were only seven families living in Johnstown. Zimmerman worked many odd jobs including remodeling a barn for his familie's residence. He set up a cabinet shop on Locust Street and made spinning wheels for the local population. Zimmerman's business grew so that in 1841 he moved to Main Street. Disaster struck in 1852 when his business was destroyed by fire. This did not stop Zimmerman for soon afterwards, he bought some property on Main Street and established a hotel and grocery store. He was appointed Notary Public by the state governor and reappointed for every term. Zimmerman was also an agent for North German Lloyd Steamship Company, which provided a lot of business at his hotel from travelers going to and from Europe. Zimmerman was well educated, being very familiar with American and German history. He joined the local militia out of pride for his adopted country. Zimmerman was a member of many fraternal organizations and helped erect the first German Luthern Church in Johnstown. He died in 1888 having been one of Johnstown's leading and earliest German citizens.

The token issued by Charles Zimmerman is listed in Wright's Store Card listing as #1745. It is also listed in Rulau's U.S. Trade Tokens 1866-1889 as Pa-JN27. Zimmerman is listed in the 1866 Dunn as a saloon keeper. Johnstown's first directory, The George T. Swank's Directory lists him as a hotel keeper at 251 and 253 Main Street. His token was probably used as change for the purchase of a mug of beer and is also one of the earliest trade checks from this area. The die sinker listed on the token is F.X. Koehler. Koehler produced many tokens from the Civil War until the 1870's out of Baltimore, the city Zimmerman first saw.

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

REVERSE: GOOD FOR / 5 / CENTS / KOEHLER

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PENNSYLVANIA AREA TOKEN COLLECTORS  
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ALLEGHENY CO. ENCASED      by Dick Gaetano



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RADIO TOKEN LISTING UPDATE

MERCY HOSPITAL Altoona, PA  
(rep. by Jim Kriss)

W.S. MAJOR HOSPITAL, Shelbyville, IN  
(rep. by Bill Hamm)

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TREASURERS REPORT

Balance as of July 1, 1985 .....	\$366.00
Total Receipts: (July 1, 1985 - November 10, 1985) .....	\$ 57.50
Total Expenditures: (July 1, 1985 - Nov. 10, 1985) .....	\$118.48
Balance as of November 10, 1985 .....	<u>\$305.02</u>

Respectfully submitted:

Rodger Hershey, Sec/Treas PATCO

NEW MEMBERS:

The list of new members normally listed in each issue of the Journal, will be a part of the 1986 membership roster to be mailed with the next issue.

# Memorial Hall

BY RICH BOTTLES JR.

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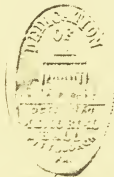
On October 11th, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh celebrated its 75th anniversary. The majestic classical-styled building was completed in 1910. It was built in memory of the soldiers and sailors of Allegheny County who fought in the Civil War. The legislation to erect the structure was the result of efforts made by 28 Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the County. The cost of the site and the construction was over 1.5 million dollars.

The building is 240 x 210 feet and has an auditorium which can seat over 2,000 people. A wide corridor, which encircles the auditorium, contains displays of naval, black military, Vietnam, Korea, World War I, World War II, and Civil War memorabilia. Also in the wide corridor are mural tablets naming all the soldiers and sailors of Allegheny County who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War.

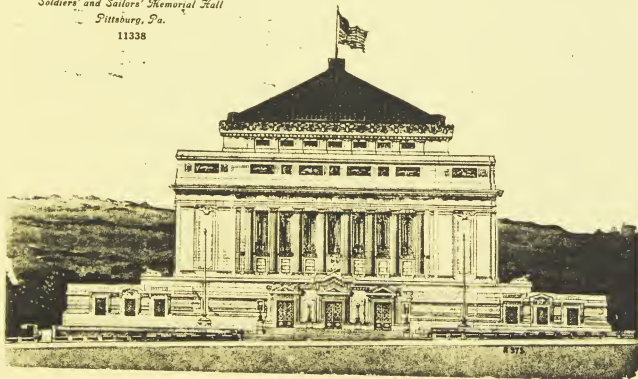
Whereas, the Hall was originally meant to be a memorial for the Civil War, it was rededicated in 1969 to the memory of all veterans from all wars. In 1974, it entered the National Register of Historic Places. The Hall was to have open-house festivities in October, which will include Civil War films and war exhibits.

In October of 1910, elongated pennies were rolled to celebrate the Memorial Hall's opening. It is the most common of the older Pittsburgh area elongateds and is listed as PENpit #3.

The design contains the image of the Hall as could be seen from Schenley Park in 1910. Above the building are the words "DEDICATION OF" and below it are the words "MEMORIAL HALL / OCT. 1910 / PITTSBURGH PA."



*Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall  
Pittsburg, Pa.  
11338*



# ALLEGHENY CO. ENCASED

2-27

By DICK GAETANO

The following is a list of the known issuers of encased coins from Allegheny County, PA. As of this listing there are 183 encasements from 152 issuers.

The lists format starts with the name of the issuer as it appears on the encasement and is followed by the shape and then the number of varieties if more than one variety is known.

SHAPES: (H) - Horseshoe  
(R) - Round  
(B) - Button  
(BE) - Bear  
(W) - Wishbone  
(P) - Pot

All encasements are aluminum unless noted.



Joseph Abbott (H)  
Louis J. Adler & Co. (W)  
Allegheny Valley Bank (R)  
Amon Motor (R) (2)  
Amour-Briskin Furniture Co. (R)  
Auerbach Furniture Co (H)  
Balkey Home & Auto Supply (R)  
Barts Tavern (H)  
Better Supply Co. (H)  
Braddock National Bank (R)  
M.R. Bretsnyder (R)  
Bridgeville National Bank (H)  
Braun (B)  
Brinker Supply Co. (H)  
Carlson (H)  
Carnegie National Bank (R)  
Chic Cloak Co. (H)  
Cieslak Funeral Home (R)  
Clark Chevrolet (H)  
Colonial Trust Co. (R)  
Conolich Market (H)  
Colussy Motor Co. (R)  
Corsello Sales (H) (3)  
Crescent Jewelry Co. (H)  
D & G Garage (H)  
D & H Men's Shops (H)  
Davis Brothers (H) (2)  
Dewar Olds (R) (2)  
Don's Antigue Shop (R)  
Duquesne Brewing (H) (3)  
Duquesne Trust Co. (R)  
Dorland Waltenbaugh (R)  
First Federal Savings (H) (2)  
First Federal Savings (R)

First National Bank of Wilkensburg (R)  
Fort Pitt Block House (H)  
J. Galley Funeral Home (R)  
Gateway Clipper (H)  
Gem Vending Co. (R)  
Globe Electric Repair (R)  
Goodman Jewelry (R) (2)  
Goodman Jewelry (H)  
J.C. Grau (H)  
Adler Green (H)  
Gross Dept. Store (R)  
H & T Motor Service (R)  
Hall Electric (R)  
W. B. Hambly (R)  
Hart Furniture Co. (R) (H)  
Heeran Bros. (R)  
Henny Penny (R)  
Hilltop Savings (R)  
Hirshbergs (H)  
Home Drug Co. (H)  
Homestead Auto Sales (H)  
Homestead Brewery (H)  
Homestead Savings (R)  
Hotel Charles (P) (Plastic)  
International Savings (R)  
International Savings (B)  
I Gate (H)  
Jordan Pontiac (H) (2)  
Kanai Funeral (H)  
Ken Buick (H)  
Kennywood Park (H) (2)  
Knights Life Insurance Co. (R)  
Koontz Equipment (R)  
Krason's (R)

Kuhl and Co. (R)  
 Lawrence Drug Store (R)  
 The Leisure Bar (R)  
 Levitt Bros. (H)  
 Lincoln Bank (R) (2)  
 Lincoln Savings (H) (2)  
 Little Shoe Store (R) (2)  
 Long - Stewart Motor Co. (R)  
 Lucky 7 Bar (H)  
 Lucky Club Bev. (H)  
 J.R. Martin (B)  
 May Dillon Card Co. (R)  
 May-Stern (H)  
 Gregor Meyer & Son (W)  
 Izzy Miller (H)  
 Milly's Auto (H)  
 Millys Enterprises (H)  
 Moon's Confectionery (H) (Plastic)  
 Mur Jewelry Co. (H)  
 Murdoch Chevrolet (R)  
 A.W. McCloy & Co. (B)  
 McCullough-Whitfield (R)  
 McDowell Mfg. Co. (H)  
 McFadden & Gannon (B)  
 McKeesport Coin Coll. Club (H)  
 J.C. Nock (H)  
 Northside Deposit Bank (H)  
 Northside Rotary (H)  
 Ohio Military Fed. Cr. Union (R)  
 O'Sullivan's Cafe (R) (2)  
 B. W. Otterman Lumber (R)  
 Park Savings & Loan (H)  
 Parker Chevrolet (R)  
 Pa. Railroad (R)  
 Peoples Bank McKeesport (R)  
 Peoples Bank of McKeesport (R)  
 Peoples Union Bank & Trust Duquesne, Pa (R)  
 Peoples Union Bank (R)  
 Pickerings Dept. Store (R)  
 Pittsburg Jewelry Co. (B)  
 Pittsburgh Asphalt Vault (H)  
 Pittsburgh Bank (R)  
 Pittsburgh Brewing Co. (R)  
 Pittsburgh Exposition (R)  
 Pittsburgh Pa. Souvenir (R)  
 Bob Porter Jr. (R)  
 Proie & Coogan Mfg. Co. (H)  
 Pugh's Jewelry (H)  
 Raphael & Zeugschmidt (R)  
 Red Top Co. (R)  
 Republican Ex. Comm. (H)  
 E. Sabina Co. Inc. (H)  
 Joseph Sabol Jr. (R)  
 Samson Buick (H)  
 Sandroni Bros. (H)  
 Bob Schmidt Auto Parts (H) (2)  
 Schroepfers' Rose Bar (H)  
 Sewickly Savings (R)  
 Silver Dollar Bar (R)  
 James Simon Shoes (R)  
 Sirlin & Leonard (R)  
 Wm. Sirlin Mortuaries (R) (4)  
 Snyders (W)  
 South Hills Coin Club (H)  
 South Hills Trust Co. (R)  
 Stag Pants Store (R) (2)  
 Standard Sign Mfg. Co. (BE)  
 Sterrit-Thomas Foundry (R)  
 Suburban Buick (H)  
 Tarentum Cent. (R)  
 Taylor Bros. (H) (3)  
 Tepers (H)  
 Tube City Motor Co. (H)  
 Ungers (H)  
 Volk-Jaycox Funeral (H)  
 J.G. Vortish & Son (R)  
 Sam Wachs (R)  
 W.P. Wampler (H)  
 Wassell (R)  
 Ray E. Weaver (R) (3)  
 Wesley & Reid (R)  
 West Penn Oil (R)  
 Wiegand's Cafe (H) (2)  
 Wolfe Publishing (H)  
 Wolfe's Jewelers (H)  
 Zupancic Mercury (H)  
 Zwick's Service St. (R)

#### ADDITIONS:

Priscilla Ware (R)  
 Hotel Pittsburgher (R)

These encased coins will be completely described and pictured in a book to be issued by the Western PA Numismatic Society as a part of a larger project. Any additions to this listing would be welcome. Pictures or rubbings would help. Send to: Dick Gastano, 5332 Holiday Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236

The WPNS project is an attempt to list all of the exnumia of Allegheny County, PA.



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THE BY-LAWS ARE COMPLETE AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH THE NEXT OR FOLLOWING JOURNAL. LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS. ALSO, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT PATCO AS A CLUB, AUTHOR A BOOK ON THE MERCHANT TOKENS PENNSYLVANIA. AGAIN, LET MYSELF, OR ONE OF THE OFFICERS KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. IF THEIR IS NO SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP, THE IDEA WILL DIE.

HAPPY COLLECTING & A HAPPY AND  
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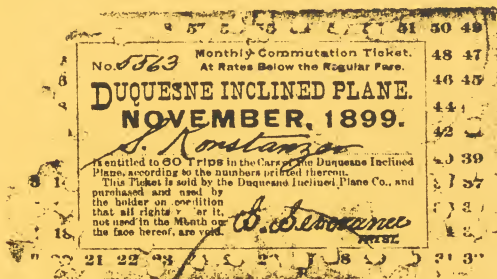
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## INCLINE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

BY DICK GAETANO



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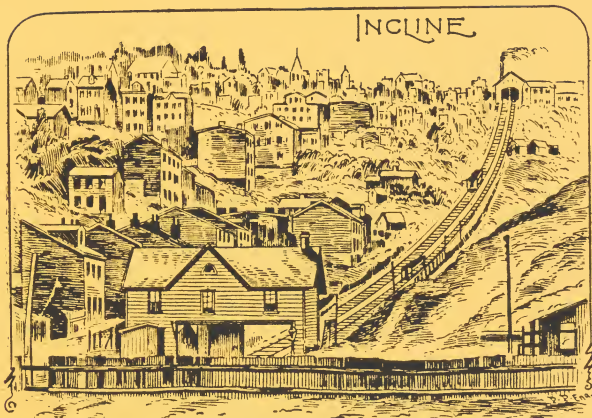
IN THE LATE 1800's, the incline was the most convenient way to climb a hill. Pittsburgh was the most inclined city in the United States, maybe the world.

In 1890, it is estimated that 20million passengers used Pittsburgh's inclined plane. A Pittsburgh engineer, Samuel Diescher of Mt. Washington, built (or rebuilt) ten of the 17 inclines. He also built inclines in Johnstown, Pa., Wheeling, W.Va., Cincinnati, OH., and other cities.

Today only 2 remain - Duquesne (1873) and Monongahela (1870), because the electric streetcar and the automobile were the replacements.

The first incline was the Kirk Lewis Coal incline built about 1854, actual date and location are not known. The Mt. Oliver incline was built in 1872. Most inclines in Pittsburgh scaled Mt. Washington (12) but (3) scaled parts of Allegheny (Northside), (1) Troy Hill, (1) Bigelow Blvd, and (1) Boulevard of the Allies.

What is left for the numismatists of the inclines? Only one token, in two varieties, is known, Atwood # PA 765 - P and 765 - Q. It is from the St. Clair incline (built 1866) running from Josephine St., South Side, to Salisbury St. ( 2 blocks from Arlington Ave.) . It closed in 1935.



MT. OLIVER INCLINE 1891

*Streetcar Directory of Pittsburg and Allegheny*

O.B.V.



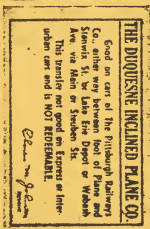
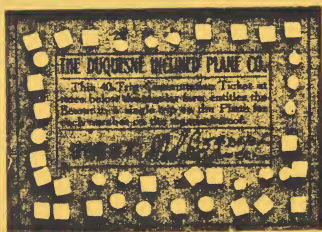
REV.

PA 765-P

(Token shown  
2X ACTUAL SIZE)

The Monongahela and Duquesne inclines used tickets and punch cards. The rest probably used cash.

Of the last two remaining inclines in Pittsburgh, the Duquesne Incline has a souvenir shop and numerous pictures and postcards of worldwide inclines adorning the walls. The Monongahela incline, (The Mon incline to residents), has nothing in the way of current souvenirs to offer. But a trip on either incline is a window to the past. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA.



A variety of tickets used during the early years of the Duquesne Incline.

## PITTSBURGH INCLINES

	Open	Closed
1. Monongahela	1870	—
2. Duquesne	1877	—
3. Mt. Oliver	1871	1951
4. Monongahela Freight	1883	1935
5. Penn (17th St.)	1883	1953
6. St. Clair (22nd St.)	1886	1935
7. Nunnery Hill	1887	1899
8. Troy Hill	1887	unknown
9. Knoxville	1890	1960
10. Castle Shannon	1890	1964
11. Castle Shannon South	1892	1914
12. Clifton	1895	1905
13. Ridgewood	1889	1900
14. Bellevue	1887	1892
15. Norwood	1901	1923
16. Kirk Lewis	1854	unknown
17. Keeling Coal	1870's	unknown

## MON INCLINE FACTS

Length .....	635 feet
Elevation .....	367.39 feet
Grade .....	35 degrees, 35 minutes
Speed .....	6 miles per hour
Passenger capacity .....	25 per car
Opened .....	May 28, 1870
Renovated .....	1882 (with steel structure)
Renovated .....	1935 (electrical equipment replaced steam engine)
Renovated .....	1982-83 (structure, stations, and cars rehabilitated)

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THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE

BY R.E. HERSHEY





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# Pennsylvania Turnpike

by R. E. Hershey

Referred to as the Grandfather of the U.S. Interstate Highway System, The Pennsylvania Turnpike with it's 470 miles and 38 Gateways celebrated it's 44th year of operation on October 1, 1984.

Construction of America's number one toll system began in 1938 when 160 miles of highway was completed between Carlisle and Irwin. This stretch of road was opened on October 1, 1940.

Driving ease and the scenic beauty of Pennsylvania go together on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

It came to pass thanks - in part - to an irrate railroad tycoon. Wm. H. Vanderbilt was the owner of the New York Central Railroad, who's chief rival was the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Both Railroads agreed to remain within their own backyards, one in New York and the other in Pennsylvania. When the West Shore Railroad decided to compete with the New York Central by paralleling it along the west bank of the Hudson River to the port of New York, Vanderbilt was outraged. He decided to do the same thing to the P.R.R.

Vanderbilt bought and developed the South Penn Charter. With hundreds of engineers and thousands of workers he planned to build a new railroad just 25 miles south of the P.R.R.'s Harrisburg - Pittsburgh line. He also received aid from Andrew Carnegie, who, with his steel industry raised \$5 million to back the project.

Tunnels were excavated and bridges rose along the route. With the project 50 percent complete, a new personality entered the picture. It was John Pierpoint Morgan, who persuaded the New York Central and the Pennsylvania Railroad to cease their feud and wasteful duplication of railroad lines.

Before the South Penn was abandoned in 1885, Vanderbilt's workers had completed more than 50 percent of the tunnel boring and approximately 10 percent of the open-cut excavations. All of this to the tune of \$10 million that Vanderbilt was anxious to recoup. He sold the property to the P.R.R. for \$1.5 million dollars. The P.R.R. eventually sold it to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for \$2 million. The Turnpike Commission was created by Legislation of 21 May 1937. The campaign to build the "Dream Highway" was on.

South Penn's abandonment and the turnpike's start up covered a period of 53 years of inactivity. In less than 2 years the 160 mile section was completed and on opening day there were 1500 cars and trucks that took to the road. Speeds ranged from 50 to more than 90 mph. Resultant freewheeling stalled many steaming vehicles along its roadside. Not many of the cars were able to operate at such high speeds.

Records of the Keystone A.A.A. Club show that just 15 days after its' opening, 150,000 plus motor vehicles - carrying an estimated 500,000 passengers traveled the turnpike. In 1903 the average daily count was 180,000 vehicles! Total amount of tolls these first 15 days was \$140,000. As relates to tolls, the same rate prevailed for 25 years. The rate was 1 cent per mile. Today the rate is 2.2 cents per mile. Since the opening there have only been two toll hikes. In contrast other toll roads have had almost yearly increases since their inception.

A chronological listing of improvements / additions is as follows:

- 1940 - Carlisle to Irwin - 160 miles.
- 1950 - Extension to Philadelphia - 327 miles.
- 1951 - Extension to Ohio State Line - 360 miles.
- 1954 - Delaware River Extension opened - 470 miles.
- 1955 - Extensions to Allentown and Emerald.
- 1956 - Turnpike bridge opened connecting with the New Jersey Turnpike.

1957 - Extensions to Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

1960 - By then it was evident that the two lane tunnels couldn't handle the traffic. Critical areas were Laurel Hill and the Allegheny tunnels.

Laurel Hill - A 4 lane by-pass eliminated the tunnel and opened for traffic in 1964.

Allegheny - A parallel tunnel opened in early 1965. The original tunnel was renovated and both were in service by Labor Day of 1966.

Similar problems existed between Carlisle and Bedford as two lane tunnels at Blue Mountain, Kittatinny, Tuscarora, Sideling Hills and Rays Hill created traffic problems.

Solutions arrived at by surveys etc. concluded that parallel tunnels be constructed at Blue - Kittatinny - and Tuscarora Mountains. Also a four lane by-pass at Sideling Hill and Rays Hill eliminating the tunnels. The result was the elimination of a troublesome mountain region.

Breezewood Plaza toll area was relocated during the 13 miles of rerouting for the by-pass of the Sideling Hill and Rays Hill tunnels. Sideling Hill plaza was also moved. It was designed with a crossover pass to serve both East and West travel. 36 acres were used and 1.5 million dollars were spent in that renovation.

For motorist convenience there are 23 Service Plazas and there are A.A.A. Service Garages adjacent to the entire turnpike. The turnpike is policed by an elite corps of State Troopers housed in 7 barracks. Patrol headquarters are at the Turnpike Administration Building. Located every 25 miles are maintenance buildings with personnel and equipment. Approximately 900 employees operate from the 19 maintenance areas.

1969 - Medial guard rail completed on entire turnpike.

1981 - Three truck climbing lanes were completed.  
 1982 - Computerization of toll collecting was  
 instituted.

Other statistics include:

Right of Way: 200 feet  
 Width of turnpike: 78 ft. East / West  
                               72 ft. North / South  
 Width of Lanes: 24 feet  
 Shoulders: 10 feet  
 Maximum curve: 6 degrees  
 Maximum grade: 3 degrees

TUNNEL LENGTHS:

Blue Mt.	4339 ft.
Kittatinny Mt.	4727 ft.
Tuscarora Mt.	5326 ft.
Rays Hill (closed)	3532 ft.
Sideling Hill	
(closed)	6872 ft.
Allegheny	6070 ft.
Laurel Hill	
(closed)	4541 ft.
Lehigh	4641 ft.

BRIDGE LENGTHS:

Delaware River	6571 ft.
Susquehanna River	4600 ft.
Allegheny River	2180 ft.
Beaver River	1545 ft.
Schuykill River	1224 ft.

The "Dream Highway" wasn't all peaches and cream. Problems of high gas and food prices in the 60's and 70's were a constant complaint.

The leasing of service plazas to oil company operations and their subsequent sub-leasing to Howard Johnson for restaurant operation planted some of the seeds of discontent. Original leases expired in 1978 and new leases were drawn. In 1979 contracts were awarded for the first time to fast food operators. Competitive pricing along the turnpike had arrived. Despite the internal squabbling of the Turnpike Commission and the general belief that the system is overstaffed (12 employees per three miles of turnpike as opposed to PENDOT's 1 employee per three miles of road) it is still the "Dream Highway" to thousands of motorists yearly. So much a part of our history that toll booths of the original "one-man" design are displayed at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C., and the Allegheny - Kiski Valley Society Collection in Tarentum.

There are medals that commemorate turnpike stages of advancement. I am unaware of the manner in which they were offered for sale or if they were given away.

Also various souvenir pieces of turnpike related material are available. Of these I list the following in my possession:

- 1) Metal ashtray with insert picture of turnpike scene depicting dual lanes, overpass and tunnel entrance in background.
- 2) Ceramic Ashtray with keystone in center and within it are the Liberty Bell, PA. state seal and outline of the state - Above the Keystone is printed "PENNSYLVANIA" - below it is printed "TURNPIKE".

- 3) Cigarette Lighter with Rays Hill Tunnell depicted with "PENNSYLVANIA" above and PITTSBURGH, PA and "TURNPIKE" printed below. Opposite side has an Indian in feathered headdress with PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA printed thereon.
- 4) A large "Key" with a thermometer on the stem and a tunnel entrance labeled "PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE" in the "handling" end of the key.
- 5) A paperweight - shaped as the state of Pennsylvania. A strip extended above the Northern boundary contains an early roadster raised above the surface. In front of the auto, on the road, is printed, PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE.
- 6) Old "Bullet shaped" pencil holder with the same design as the lighter around it. (w.o. Indian head)
- 7) Heavy brass paperweight - Commemorating the 10th Anniversary 1940 - 1950 and completion of the Philadelphia Extension. Chairman T.J. Evans and Governor James H. Duff are "pictured" and named on it. Pittsburgh (Blockhouse & mill), Harrisburg (Capitol Bldg) and Philadelphia (Independence Hall & Liberty Bell) are shown in relation to their Geographic Locations in Pennsylvania.

The Reverse is as follows:

MEMBER OF  
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION  
THOMAS J. EVANS  
CHAIRMAN  
JAMES F. TORRANCE  
JAMES J. COYNE  
EDWARD N. JONES  
RAY F. SMOCK  
SEC. OF HIGHWAYS (EX OFFICIO)

The Medals are as herein described:

Three medals have a common obverse (with slight variations) portraying a tunnel entrance and inscribed "PENNSYLVANIA SUPER HIGHWAY".

The reverse of the first two medals read the same (except for the mileage figure):

A DREAM HIGHWAY EXTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ MILES (160 or  
317 miles) ON STREAMLINED 4-LANE CONCRETE  
TUNNELING UNDER 7 MOUNTAINS. COPR. 1946

The reverse of the third medal reads:

A DREAM, STREAMLINED HIGHWAY, EXTENDING 360  
MILES TUNNELING UNDER SEVEN MOUNTAINS.

All 3 medals are Octagonal, Gilt Brass, 31mm and are holed as made.

Another, (4th), medal is round, Gilt Brass, 30mm and

looped at the top.

Obverse: "PENNA SUPER HIGHWAY" followed by two stars around the top edge. Pictured are four lanes of traffic proceeding under overpass to tunnel entrance in mountain at rear. Two autos are shown. One leaving and one approaching the overpass.

Reverse: Legend "AMERICA'S PIONEER TUNNEL SUPERHIGHWAY  
160 MILES - 7 TUNNELS UNDER APPALACHIN MMS.  
LINKING HARRISBURG - PITTSBURGH PA (Robbins Co.)

A (5th) medal commemorating the Eastern Extension and 10th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Turnpike is as follows:  
Round, Nickel, 37mm

Obverse: Rolling country scene in background of pictured Toll Plaza. Depicts cars coming and going.  
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE / EASTERN EXTENSION /  
OPENING / 1950 (inscribed in lower section)

Reverse: "PARTNERS IN PROGRESS" around outer rim. PA.  
Keystone shield and GULF in circle with  
branches at bottom.

('PARTNERS' suggests to me that Gulf sponsored this piece)  
(Illustrated on front cover)



#1 160 Miles



#2 327 Miles



#3 360 Miles



#4 1940







BICENTENNIAL SALES PERSONS  
SAMPLE PARKING TOKEN



BY JIM KRISS

Tokens, like any other collectable, are valued by the demand and scarcity of the desired item. Some tokens may fit into more collecting categories than others. The more collectors seeking a particular token, the less available it becomes. A catalog may stimulate a person to collect by its listings. It would be easy to keep notes within a catalog of a token's value. As a large quantity hoard becomes available, the token becomes less valuable. The PATCO Journal could be a good source to reveal known hoards as they surface.

The following token listing would fit into various categories of collecting interest. Such as, bicentennial tokens, salesman samples, or parking tokens.

CITY OF YOUR CITY / COURTESY TOKEN / YOUR STATE  
U.S. BICENTENNIAL / 1776 / 200 (star in each  
zero) / 1976 / (eagle) / PARKING METER TOKEN

Br., 22mm, Rd., Sd.

The token is a sample for municipalities to purchase a parking meter token. On a group purchase, the token would have the municipality on the first line and its state on the third line.

In Joe Pernicano's Updated Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens of the World, the token is listed under PARKING TOKEN MANUFACTURERS - SAMPLES, GROUP 3010-A. I have not had the time to go through the listing to see if the token was ever struck for a municipality.

A hoard of these tokens has surfaced. They were sold to a local scrap yard dealer, as yellow brass scrap metal. A man claims he bought 450 of these tokens from the scrap yard dealer. I was able to purchase 50 from him. I will offer one of these tokens free to any PATCO member who sends a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to our Editor: Jim Kunz, PATCO Editor, 3333 Fleming Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Forty-five uncirculated of these tokens are available. At the same time, why not include a free ad, paid ad, or better yet an article with your S.A.S.E.



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TOKEN FROM GALLITZIN, PA. FORWARD ANY INFO TO R.E. HERSHEY,  
175 CRESCENT HILLS RD., PITTSBURGH, PA 15235



OBV: S. M. S. I. / 54 / GALLITZIN, PA.  
REV: (flag with crown over shield in center)  
Nickle, 22mm

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